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Age limit for students joining the school final class.

* 537 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a rule preventing everyone aged 23 years or more from either joining in the school to study for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination or from appearing for the examination privately;

(*b*) whether this rule affects a large number of young men; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any intention of taking any action to alter this rule?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) In view of what is said above, these need no answer.

Differentiation in the pay of Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants.

* 538 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a deputation of the officers of the Subordinate Educational Service headed by Mr. A. R. Gopala Ayyar waited on him at Tinnevelly on 1st July 1927;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the differentiation in the scale of salaries between the cadres of Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants had worked to the disadvantage of the latter;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a third of the number in the cadre of the Deputy Inspectors consists of under-graduates, while the officers in the School Assistants' cadre are all either B.A., L.Ts., or M.A., L.Ts.;

(*d*) whether he said he would consider the points raised sympathetically and see whether the bar at Rs. 100 could not be removed;

(*e*) whether he has taken any steps in the matter of equalising the scale of salaries of the cadre of School Assistants and that of Deputy Inspectors, by removing the bar at Rs. 100 in the case of School Assistants and raising the percentage of appointments in their selection cadre to 25 per cent; and

(*f*) whether, if the removal of the bar at Rs. 100 is under the consideration of the hon. the Minister, the Government would be pleased to give retrospective effect from 1st March 1921, the date on which the present scales of pay for the School Assistants and others came into effect?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The scales of pay sanctioned for Deputy Inspectors of Schools and School Assistants are shown below:—

Deputy Inspectors.	School Assistants.
Rupees 75—5—100—10—150 with a selection grade on Rs. 150—10—250 for 25 per cent of the cadre.	12 per cent on Rs 150—10—250. 40 per cent on Rs. 100—10—150. 48 per cent on Rs. 75—5—100.

The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*e*) of Question No. 295.

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(c) About one-sixth of the total number of Deputy Inspectors are under-graduates. Most of them have long service to their credit. Trained graduates are alone eligible for appointment to the cadre of School Assistants.

(d) It was stated that the matter was under consideration.

(e) & (f) The question of revising the pay of the officers in question is under consideration.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils

Contribution to the Sanskrit College, Tenali, from Provincial Funds.

*539 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorial or petition from the Managing Committee of the Sanskrit College, Tenali, Guntur district, with a request that that institution be given contribution from Provincial Funds to cover the net cost;

(b) whether the Government have passed any orders thereon;

(c) whether Government are aware that G.O. No. 2013, L. & M., dated 22nd July 1924, is working prejudicially to the interests of Sanskrit studies by forbidding contribution from Local Boards beyond half of the net cost; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the Government Order?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The petition was transferred to the Director of Public Instruction by whom grants to Sanskrit institutions are sanctioned.

(c) The Government have no reason to think so.

(d) No.

Board and municipal elementary schools in Ceded Districts.

*540 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table the following particulars:—

(a) the total number of board and municipal elementary schools opened during the past three years in the different Ceded Districts; and

(b) how many of these are intended for Muhammadans?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement furnishing the information available is appended.[a]

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know from the hon. Minister for Education whether he has taken any steps to call for statistics from the Ceded districts to see if there is no need for larger number of Muhammadan schools in those areas?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I thought my hon. Friend was aware of the fact that if Muhammadans and Hindus were brought up in the same schools it would tend to communal amity."

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[a] Vide Appendix VII on page 142 infra.